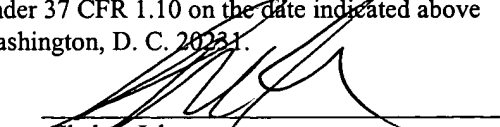


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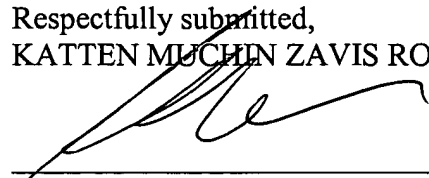
SHAHAN ISLAM, attorney of record herein, deposes and states:

1. I am attorney of record in this application and a member of the Bars of New York, New Jersey and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

2. I hereby submit this Declaration in Support of the Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and Petition Under 37 CFR 1.183 to Suspend the Rules. The Notification required an executed oath of Declaration of the inventors.

3. I have helped draft and supervised the drafting of the original priority U. S. Provisional Application and worked closely with the inventors herein prior to filing the application.
4. As the application was a provisional patent application, no Declaration and Power of Attorney was necessary and was not filed.
5. This application was assigned by the inventors herein to Nugame, Inc. of Las Vegas Nevada, which, in turn, assigned it to Aristocrat Leisure Industries, which later changed its name to Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd.
6. A PCT Application was filed by applicant Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd.
7. The national stage of the PCT Application was entered into on January 12, 2001.
8. Sometime after the assignment of the provisional application from Nugame to Aristocrat, Nugame closed its doors and is now defunct, with no traceable phone number or office.
9. Since receiving the Notice, I have been trying extensively to find the inventors herein through searches in web databases, calls to the telephone company and directory assistance, as well as calling the former boss and former CEO of Nugame, Mr. Miachel J. Farnham (Farnham).
10. Farnham has advised me that he (Farnham) is not aware of the whereabouts of the inventors. Accordingly, it is not possible to have the original inventors execute a Declaration and Power of Attorney. In view thereof, the application to suspend the rules is being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
KATTEN MUCHIN ZAVIS ROSENMAN



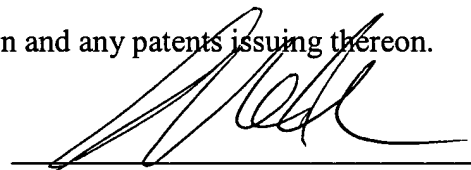
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